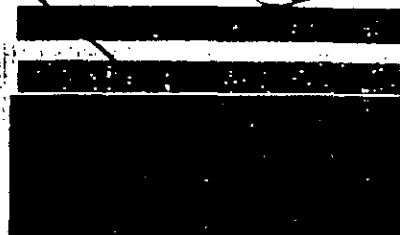




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CHILE: Protest Demonstrations

The main opposition parties, together with labor and Church groups, are organizing a major antiregime protest for tomorrow in central Santiago, according to press reports. Party leaders from far left to far right, who signed an unprecedented joint statement on Tuesday pledging to cooperate in restoring democracy, plan to stage weekly demonstrations through mid-September. Clashes between demonstrators and police have broken out each day since last week, and President Pinochet has threatened the "most drastic measures" to maintain order. [REDACTED]

Comment: Moderates are capitalizing on the regime's embarrassment over a recent police death squad scandal to try to overcome their yearlong disarray. Their nonviolent protests are aimed at forcing Pinochet to relax his harsh policies and to speed up the transition to civilian rule. The Communists are eager to collaborate with the moderates, but they also intend to continue terrorist actions. Tomorrow's demonstration probably will be substantially larger than any since last fall, and violence, including injuries and fatalities, is likely. [REDACTED]

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